

Appl. No. 10/713,233
Amendment dated November 22, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and Election is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 12, 2004.

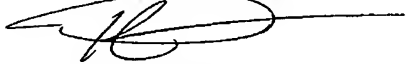
In the Office Action, claims 1-14 and 27-30 are restricted into two groups, Group I with claims 1-14, 29, and 30 and Group II with claims 27-28. Applicant elects the claims of Group I with claims 1-14, 29, and 30 without traverse. Non-elected claims 27-28 are canceled in this Amendment and Election.

CONCLUSION

A favorable Action on the merits is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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